

2. ~~The [A] composition according to claim 1, wherein [the one or more anhydrous compounds are] said at least one anhydrous compound is selected from the group consisting of CaO, [and] anhydrous [or calcined] MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and calcined MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and a combination thereof.~~ B

3. ~~The [A] composition according to claim 2, wherein both CaO and anhydrous or calcined MgSO<sub>4</sub> are present.~~

4. ~~The [A] composition according to claim [claims] 2 [or 3], wherein the CaO is present in an amount up to 10% by weight of the composition.~~

5. ~~The [A] composition according to claim [claims] 2 [or 3], wherein anhydrous or calcined MgSO<sub>4</sub> is present in an amount up to 10% by weight of the composition.~~

6. ~~A composition as recited in claim 1 [claimed in any of the preceding claims], which further comprises an acid or a salt thereof and a carbonate and/or bicarbonate or a salt thereof sufficient to cause said composition to effervesce in water.~~

7. ~~A composition as claimed in claim 6 [any of the preceding claims], wherein said acid or a salt thereof is [comprising] calcium lactate.~~

8. ~~A composition as claimed in claim 1 [any preceding claims] further comprising a sulphite.~~

Please add the following new claims:

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12. The composition according to claim 3, wherein the CaO is present in an amount up to 10% by weight of the composition.

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13. The composition according to claim 3, wherein anhydrous or calcined MgSO<sub>4</sub> is present in an amount up to 10% by weight of the composition.

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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